Subsidised Fertilizers for Gujarat

445. SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL :
SHRIMATI BHAVNA BEN DEVRAJ BHAI CHIKHALIA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of subsidised fertilizers demanded and supplied to Gujarat during the last six months of the current year so far and during 1994-95 and 1995-96; and

(b) the reasons for the short supply, if any ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) : (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b) Urea is the only fertilizer which is under statutory price control for which assessment and allocation is made by the Central Government to States and Union Territroy Administrations. Central Government is also providing concession on sale of Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP), Muriate of Potash (MOP), Single Super Phosphate (SSP) and complex grade fertilizers to farmers. The table below gives the assessed requirement, supplies and consumption of urea in Gujarat during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 :

('000 tonnes)

	Assessed requirement	Supply	Consumption
1994-95	840.00	984.11	985.47
1995-96	1,020.00	1,103.00	970.73
1996-97			
Kharif 1996	620.00	565.12	546.70
Rabi 1996-97	500.00	389.26 (Up to 31-1-97)	358.97 (Sales up to 31-1-97)

As can be seen from the statement above the supply of urea was adequate to take care of the requirement.

The Table below gives the consumption of DAP, MOP, SSP and complexes in Gujarat during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 :-

('000 tonnes)

	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97 Likely
DAP	311.88	259.81	357.39
MOP	67.62	58.43	56.81
SSP	87.08	59.46	57.54
Complexes	159.12	132.56	164.60

Sick Fertilizer Units

446. DR. ASIM BALA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government approached IFFCO to take over some of the sick fertilizer units in the country for increasing the internal fertilizer production;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for investing huge amount abroad by IFFCO to produce urea there ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) and (b) The alternative of take over of the sick fertiliser units by any of the profit making fertiliser undertakings, including IFFCO, was explored by the Government. Because of the prior commitments of IFFCO towards its on-going expansion projects and joint venture for augmenting the fertilizer production capacity, such a proposal could not materialise.

(c) IFFCO has not yet made any investment abroad to produce urea.

Crimes in Delhi

447. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is an increase in the number of cases of kidnapping, murder of men, women and children in recent months in Delhi and its adjoining areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof during 1996 and uptill now;

(c) the manner in which the kidnapped persons got released and the amount of ransom paid to the kidnappers;

(d) the details of arrests made so far in this connection; and

(e) the steps taken for the safety of persons living in Delhi and its adjoining areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d) The requisite information is given in the enclosed statement.

(e) The steps taken by the Delhi Police to prevent crime in Delhi include, inter-alia, intensification of beat patrolling; posting of armed pickets at strategic points; strengthening of intelligence network; close watch on and frequent raids at the suspected hide-outs of criminals; increased surveillance on history sheeters; coordination meetings with the officials of neighbouring states; and formation of anti-terrorist cell in each police district.